

Tips For Evaluating Sanitizers



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- ▶ Look at the “directions for use” on the label for information needed to determine approval but do not rely solely on the label
- ▶ Cross reference the National Pesticide Information Retrieval System: <http://state.ceris.purdue.edu/> for the EPA registration
- ▶ Look for key words such as: use in restaurants, food establishments, deli’s etc.
- ▶ Look for keywords such as: use on food contact surfaces
- ▶ Refer to 40 CFR 180.940 (search for electronic copy) to verify the active ingredient is an approved sanitizer*
- ▶ **Note: A rinse step can not be required for a sanitizing product to be approved**
- ▶ **Note: Household bleach used can not contain a scent**
- ▶ **Note: Products intended for residential use only (with the exception of household bleach) are not approved sanitizers for food contact surfaces**

*If a product is EPA registered and has directions for use for food contact surfaces in a RFE but is not listed in the CFR, please contact your LAP representative. The product may be approved but the CFR could not be updated.